**National Institute of Rehabilitation training and research**

1531. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the mandate given to the National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research;

(b) the number of training courses conducted during the last one year; and

(c) the number of courses which provided for self-employment and technical know how and also newer markets and products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE
AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The mandate of the National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research is:—

(i) Training for the rehabilitation personnel;

(ii) Development of service modules research on biomedical engineering & medical procedures for Orthopaedically handicapped.

(b) The Institute conducted 6 long term and 17 short term courses last year.

(c) All the above courses provide for self-employment as well as employment in Government and private sector. The graduates and post graduates professional passing out from the institute get employment-in rehabilitation production companies, District Rehabilitation Centres etc. and a few have started their own clinics and production units.

**Inclusion in Scheduled Castes Category**

†1532. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar have sent a proposal to Government to include blacksmith, potter, barber and 'Kanu' caste in Scheduled Castes category;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.